

DISASTER & EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Division of Department of Military Affairs)

Purpose: Montana Disaster & Emergency Services (DES) takes the lead in developing a comprehensive emergency management program in the state. During those times that the State ECP is activated, the SECC facilitates implementing the plan and managing disaster consequences.

Authorities: MCA - Title 10, Chapter 3.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Directs emergency response and disaster preparation activities as authorized by the Governor, 10-3-105 (4) (j) MCA, direct response and recovery activities as authorized by the Governor 10-3-104 (4) (k) MCA and assumes any additional authority, duties and responsibilities authorized by parts 1-4 of the chapter or prescribed by the Governor 10-3-105 (4) (n) MCA. *[Coordination]*
- Responsible for the overall coordination of the state's response to incidents, emergencies or disasters providing assistance to local and tribal government or other state agencies. *[Coordination]*
- Responsible for the maintenance, activation and operation of the SECC. *[Coordination]*
- Maintain a 24-hour duty officer program to facilitate processing & responding to incoming incident, emergency or disaster related calls. *[Coordination]*
- Responsible for the operation & management of the State Warning Point (NAWAS – National Warning System). *[Communications - Warning]*
- Coordinate whatever means exist for rapid and efficient communications (10-3-106 (1) MCA). *[Communications]*
- Coordinates the state's radiological response capabilities & provides training assistance to hazmat teams and local or tribal government. *[Hazmat]*
- Coordinates locating temporary shelter and care facilities that are beyond the mutual aid area of the local jurisdiction. *[Individual Assistance – Shelter/Immediate Needs]*
- Coordinates program assistance needs with the Montana Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (MT VOAD). *[Human Service Programs]*
- Develops and coordinates the processing of incident, emergency or disaster declaration requests or designations. *[Coordination]*

- Coordinates the implementation and delivery of recovery program assistance: Public Assistance, Human Service Programs & Mitigation Assistance. *[Recovery Implementation Plans]*
- Processes all requests for Montana National Guard resources. *[Coordination]*
- Coordinates developing preliminary damage assessments to ascertain the extent of damages. *[Damage Assessment]*
- Maintains liaison with U.S. Air Force (Malmstrom AFB), the Montana Civil Air Patrol (CAP), National Weather Service, Aeronautics Division and other concerned state and federal agencies, which aid in supplying resources or information for Search and Rescue (SAR) operations. *[Public Health/Safety – Safety]*
- Coordinates locating resources requested by local and tribal government. *[Coordination]*
- Coordinates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the applicable federal agencies to obtain available assistance during incidents, emergencies or disasters. *[Coordination]*
- Coordinates Montana’s involvement with the EMAC. *[Coordination]*
- Assists in implementing the Montana Drought Plan as an active member of the Governor’s DAC. *[Drought]*
- Provide assistance to sister state agencies in determining which disaster related expenses are eligible under federal program disaster funding or the Governor’s Disaster Fund. *[Coordination - Financial Management]*
- Coordinates the state’s response to Hazmat incidents. *[Hazmat]*
- Coordinates the state’s response to Terrorism/WMD incidents. *[Terrorism/WMD]*
- Coordinate the state’s response to implement the animal rescue capability. *[Individual Assistance - Animal Rescue]*